

## After Dinner.

A man in Cincinnati, advertising for a situation, says: "Work is not so much an object as good wages."

"The honeymoon is all well enough," said a prudent belle, "but what I want to see beyond that is the promise of a fine harvest moon."

"Which, in dear lady, do you think the merriest place in the world?" "That immediately above the atmosphere that surrounds the earth, I should think." "And why so?" "Because I am told that there all bodies lose their gravity."

"Yes, Job suffered some," said an Illinois doctor, "but he never knew what it was to have his team run away and kill his wife right in the busy season, when hard girls want three dollars a week."

A facetious fellow having unwittingly offended a conceited puppy, the latter told him he was "no gentleman." "Are you a gentleman?" asked the drone. "Yea," bounced the top. Then I am very glad I am not," replied the other.

A little girl was told to spell ferment, and give the meaning, with a sentence in which it was used. The following was literally her answer: "F-e-r-m-e-n-t, a verb, signifying to work; I love to ferment in the garden."

"I say, Sambo, can you answer dis conundrum? Suppose I gib you a bottle of whisky corked—shut with a cork—how would you get de whisky out without pullin' de cork or breakin' de bottle?" "I gib up at last." "Why, push de cork in—yah!"

A man, praising porter, said it was so excellent a beverage, that though taken in great quantities, it always made him fat. "I have seen the time," said another, "when it made you lean." "When I should be glad to know," inquired the eulogist. "Why, no longer ago than last night—against a wall."

A lecturer, wishing to explain to a little girl the manner in which a lobster casts its shell when he has outgrown it, said, "What do you do when you have outgrown your clothes?" You throw them aside, don't you?" "Oh, no, the shells," the little one, "we let out the backs." The lecturer confessed he had the advantage of him there.

At a railway station an old lady said to a very pompous-looking gentleman who was talking about steam communication, "Pray, sir, what is steam?" "Steam, ma'am is, ah—steam is, ah—ah—steam is steam!" "I knew that chap couldn't tell ye," said a rough-looking fellow standing by, "but steam is a bucket of water in a tremendous perspiration."

The proverbial quickness of Irish wit is illustrated by an anecdote related by Captain A.—While on the Peninsula, during the war, he came across a private belonging to one of the most predatory companies of the Irish Brigade with the lifeless bodies of a goose and hen tied together by the heels, dangling from his musket. "Where did you steal those, you rascal?" he demanded. "Faith, I was marching along wid Colar Sergeant Maguire, and the geese—had come to it—came out and hissed the American flag." "But the hen, sir, how about the hen?" "It's the hen, is it? The hen bless ye, was in bad company laying eggs for the rebels."

## The Home

**SELF-SACRIFICE IN THE FAMILY.**—The full enjoyment of a happy family life requires the constant exercise of a spirit of self-sacrifice on the part of its members. The rule of "the greatest good to the greatest number" must prevail. This requires that each one should give up his individual preferences in all instances where they conflict with the collective wishes of the household, and that he shall be willing to forego them when they are opposed to those of a single member. When self-sacrifice is practiced habitually, with fidelity and purity of purpose, the exercise becomes a never-failing source of happiness to one's self as well as to those in whose favor it is made. It promotes love, harmony, contentment, and conduces to that discipline of character which makes men equal to emergencies. Many of our most cherished recollections are associated with moments in which we have yielded some great personal gratification, or endured pain, that others might not suffer, and we may often trace to such moments of discipline the beginning of some important success or of some voluntary course of life.

Thus the foundation of family life is laid in self-sacrifice; so the structure must be built upon. Unless the spirit we have described governs the course of the parents, greed, contention and misery will be bred, of necessity. The children cannot be good and happy, and proper, unless they regard that example set them by their parents. To them, they owe self-sacrifice as a debt; they owe it likewise to their brothers and sisters, on the principle of equality in rights and of fellowship. Tastes and desires will incessantly clash among the several members of the household. The question will always be arising and have to be settled anew every day, unless it has been settled firmly at the beginning, whether the family life shall be joggled or jumping, like the going of a cart on a cobbled road, or uniform and smooth, like the motion of a piece of perfectly adjusted machinery. Each member will be called upon to decide whether he will contribute to make it one or the other.

Each one, from the youngest to the oldest member, has a part in determining the character of the life of the family, and may exert an influence upon the destiny of those who compose it greater than he can easily realize. He can have no higher duty toward this world than to do his part conscientiously and with all his might, and to guard his influence so that it shall always be for good.—*Rev. Dr. Crook.*

**PARENTAL OFFICE.**—The office of parent is one of never-ceasing study of what is good for others, of ever-recurring sacrifices. What a mother will endure for her children, no one but a mother can tell. No other person, either, can tell of the ineffable pleasure which the enduring brings to her, or of the height of enjoyment and attainment in the society or the observation of the children who prove worthy of all that she has done for them. A true mother will consider the temporal object of life fully attained and all her pains and anxieties abundantly rewarded in such enjoyment. The father finds in this thought that he is providing for the comfort of his family the strongest stimulus to activity in his field of work, and is rewarded if he can realize at the end that he has insured them against want, and if he can see them qualified to sustain themselves, morally and materially.

Eight criminals were publicly whipped at Newcastle, Del., on Saturday.

Nov. 26.—A fearful mountain disaster is reported on the great St. Bernard. Eleven persons were buried in the snow, and it is supposed all have perished.

Official reports to the Kansas State Board of Agriculture show that owing to the devastation by grasshoppers, at least fifteen thousand people in that State must be assisted during the winter and until another crop is grown.

Brainerd T. Ferris, of West Forty-seventh street, N. Y., was garrotted yesterday evening in Forty-third street, near Fifth avenue, and robbing of his pocket-book, containing \$10 in money, checks for \$5,250 and other valuable papers. He was accused by four men, and beaten until insensible.

**SHERIFF'S SALE.**—In chancery of New Jersey between Mary C. Eastonwell, complainant, and J. Ward Tichenor and wife and his defendants, Fl. Esq., for sale of unregistered premises.

By virtue of the above-stated Writ of Fieri Facias to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue at the Court House in Newark, on Tuesday next, Nov. 28, all that tract or parcels of land and premises situated in the township of Bloomfield, Essex County, New Jersey, beginning in the north line of Monroe Place, formerly Division Street, at a point distant eastwardly from the corner of Monroe Place and Park Place formerly East Park street, thence running easterly along Division street, y to land of Sheldon; thence along his line north eleven degrees thirty minutes east and west one hundred and fifty feet more or less west one hundred and fifty feet more or less to the place of beginning. Being one of premises conveyed to said Joseph P. Hague by record in book F, 16 of deeds, page 554.

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WARDWELL.—In Montclair, N. J., Nov. 20, Geo. S. Wardwell, aged 20 months.

PRIDHAM.—Arthur M. son of C. F. George Prudham, aged 3 months.

BOYD.—John P. son of John and Margaret Boyd, aged 2 years, 3 months.

DODD.—In Jersey City, Sunday morning, Nov. 29. Constance, aged 10 years.

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